

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision air an anti-Kerry, biased and inaccurate documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we can get very biased and unbalanced presentations that hardly serve the interest of the country and our democracy. Their decision threatens any attempts at fairness in a very difficult election period and only increases the sense of division and alienation from the big businesses and government. This is particularly critical when it affects the media outlets that so many depend on for supposedly fair, unbiased and honest presentations of the issues.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to clearly justify why this limited public resource should be granted. Thank you.